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Ex parte GREGORY B. ARNOLD and DENNIS S. PROWS

Application No. 09/384,675

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 19, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellants filed Information Disclosure Statements on May 6, 2003 (duplicate of paper filed September 29, 2003) and October 9, 2003 (duplicate of paper filed October 14, 2003). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the statements submitted or whether the examiner notified

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appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements stated above; 2) appropriate written notification by the examiner to appellants of such consideration; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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